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My residence address and citizenship are as stated next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the invention claimed in the patent application entitled:

(1) A method of treating pruritus and a pharmaceutical composition for the method  
the specification of which

(2) XX is attached.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

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Filing Date

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

2001-44656

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Number

Country

Day/Month/Year

Yes

No

Number

Country

Day/Month/Year

Yes

No

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ I claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and, insofar as this application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or Patent Cooperation Treaty International filing date of this application:

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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